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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 21 and 23 June 1993, there appear to have been 10 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. In addition, there appears to have been one flight on 20 June 1993.

Details are attached as annexes to this note verbale.

UNPROFOR reported 22 flights of helicopters on 7 June 1993 (serials 571-592). After detailed analysis, it has been determined that these sightings have been legitimate commercial aircraft which, due to the position of the observers on the ground, have been inadvertently mistaken for helicopters. The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 604.

ANNEX I
**INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY
THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE**
(21 - 23 June 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
616	21 June	07.58	08.20	UNPROFOR received a request for a CASEVAC mission from Banja Luka to Bosanski Petrovac (50 kilometres southwest of Banja Luka) and return. The flight crew began the mission before authorization was given and before all necessary coordination and inspection could be completed. NATO fighters intercepted the MI-8 HIP helicopter on its return to Banja Luka. This flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	N/A
617	21 June	08.25	15.00	UNPROFOR approved a MEDEVAC flight from Knin to Banja Luka and return. The pre-flight inspection by UNMO's at Knin revealed that 4 uniformed Krajina Serb soldiers and an additional crewman were aboard the MI-8 HIP helicopter. The flight was intercepted by NATO fighters immediately before it landed. While on the ground at Banja Luka military hospital, the crew requested permission to fly to Zalužani because of an engine problem. The MCCC refused the request and the helicopter returned to Knin. At the Banja Luka departure, UNMO's discovered that the helicopter carried several passengers in good physical condition along with patients. This flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and the Republic of Croatia.	N/A
618	21 June	12.07	12.36	A NATO fighter reported a radar contact 18 kilometres northwest of Brcko. The fighter was directed to investigate and made visual contact with a green camouflaged helicopter. The helicopter flew low along a line of trees, landing and taking off at least twice before finally shutting down its engine. The helicopter was closely monitored on the ground by the fighter for 44 minutes before the fighter departed the area for operational reasons. Approximately 10 minutes later, the fighter returned to the last known location of the helicopter and was unable to find it. This flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East Slow Low

619 620 621 622	22 June	09.20	17.46	A flight of NATO fighters reported a radar contact 22 kilometres east of Zenica. The fighters were cleared to investigate and visually identified one white and blue MI-8 HIP helicopter with a red cross. Radio warnings were transmitted to the helicopter by both AWACS and the fighters. The helicopter landed in a field 5 kilometres southeast of Zenica. The fighters remained over the area watching the HIP until it took-off 1 hour and 55 minutes later. AWACS directed the fighters to monitor the aircraft, and again warnings were broadcast. The helicopter landed about 50 kilometres east of Zenica where 5-10 people disembarked. While monitoring this helicopter, another radar contact was made. AWACS cleared the fighters to investigate, and they identified a second MI-8 HIP painted as the first. The second HIP was monitored for 30 minutes before it landed in the same field 22 kilometres east of Zenica. When the fighters returned to the location, they found the helicopter was no longer there. En-route back to the second HIP, the fighters reported a radar contact 16 kilometres northeast of Zenica which they were unable to visually identify. A second flight of fighters, however, intercepted and visually identified an MI-8 HIP and tracked it until it landed in Zenica at a prepared helicopter landing site. A total of two HIP helicopters were on the ground at this site. The fighters remained in the area for 90 minutes. No further flights were observed. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Slow Low
623	23 June	04.42	08.15	A flight of NATO fighters reported a radar contact 17 kilometres southeast of Brcko heading west. The fighters visually identified one green Gazelle helicopter with a red cross. Despite radio warnings, the helicopter continued towards Brcko and landed on the south edge of the town near a barracks. The helicopter stopped its engine and people disembarked heading into the surrounding trees. This flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	
624 625	23 June	12.49	12.55	UNMOs sighted an MI-8 helicopter flying into Tuzla Airport. A second MI-8 also landed 4 minutes later. UNMO inspection revealed that one of the helicopters had bags of maize flour on board. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	N/A

ANNEX II
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY
THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE**
(20 June 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
626	20 June	18.25	18.26	A NATO fighter reported both a radar and a Forward Looking Infra-red (FLIR) contact 16 kilometres west of Sarajevo. The contact, an unidentified helicopter, was lost before the fighter could investigate. This flight occurred on the border between areas controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Unknown